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- 1. There is an extensive and growing anti-Viet Minh, anti-French "third force" nationalist group in Viet Nam. It is composed of members of the Democratic Party within the Viet Minh, Catholics, the Hoa Hao, the Cao Dai, and independent intellectuals. Leaders of this nationalist group include Nguyen. The Truyen'; Nguyen Giac Ngo2; Dao Duy Anh3; Ho Hun Tuong4; Lun Van Lang5; Hoang Van Han6. This group is in contact with Phan Anh, Minister of Economy in the Ho Government; Vu Dinh Hos, Minister of Justice in the Ho Government; and Nguyen Van Huyen, Minister of Education in the Ho Government.
- 2. The nationalistic Democratic Party is influential in the administrative end of the Ho Chi Minh Government and is growing in popularity. The Communists remain in complete control of the Ho Government army. The growing popularity of the Democratic Party is one of the reasons behind the recall of prominent Vietnamese representatives abroad such as Tran Ngoc Danh, former chief of the Ho Chi Minh Government Delegation in Paris; Dr. Dang Van Ngu, Ho Government representative in Japan; Dang Chan Lieu, Ho Government representative in London; Mai The Chau, former Ho Government representative in New Delhi, more recently in Rangoon?; and Le Van Thiem.
- 3. Soviet recognition of the Ho Chi Linh regime is late in coming and only emphasizes the extent of Communist control. American recognition of Bao Dai is even later in coming. Nationalists who backed Bao Dai at first in the hope that, although personally a nonentity, he could be a rallying point for the non-Communist Vietnamese and had American backing, have now fallen away as he is clearly revealed as a French puppet. The Chinese Communists are more important than the Soviets in the Indochinese situation and are now in a position to control the Vietnamese Communists.

25X1 25X1 Comment. | Nguyen The Tuyen, who is now believed to be in Hanoi, had refused to participate in the Bao Dai Government. He was arrested and imprisoned by the French in 1941. Was deported by the French in 1944, later released and returned to Indochina in 1945. He aided the Ho Government during the period that it was in control of Hanoi but held no official position.

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25X1	Comment. The following was reported by the Agence France Presse in Saigon on 30 September 1949: "Nguyen Giac Ngo, Army commen-
	der of the Hoa Hao, attended a meeting with Rao Dai in Seigen following
25X1	recent incidents which occurred within the ranks of the Hoa Hao."
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207(1	Comment. Ho Huu Tuong was a prominent Trotskylte leader in Hanod in the 1930's. He served as a member of the Viet Nam Council in
25X1	the Japanese-sponsored Tran Trong Kim Government.
	he was a good Communist theoretician and that he was under the strict
	surveillance of the Viet Minh since 1946. He is believed to have remained in Hanoi.
25X1	Comment. Lau Van Lang served as Minister of Communications
	in the Tran Trong Kim Government.
25X1	he was born in 1885 and is a naturalized French citizen. The Viet
25X1	Nam News Agency on 27 September 1949 quoted Luu Van Lang as saying,
	"I'm a bit too old to make a good lackey," when asked by General Revers to join the Bao Dai Government.
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20/(1	Comment. Hoang Xuan Han may be the individual referred to in this report as Hoang Van Han. Hoang Xuan Han served as Minister of
	Education in the Tran Trong Kim Government. He was born in 1909, was
0.5)//	educated in France, and is a noted Vietnamese mathematician.
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20/(1	Comment. There are extensive rumors in the Vietnamese community
25X1	to the effect that the French are considering a deal with Ho Chi Minh to save French property or force the Americans to actively
20/(1	support them. The rumored go-between is Captain Neuven Van Hoa, who
	was freed by the French and is now in Bangkok. Ho is removed to be
	interested in a deal in order to be free to suppress the nationalists
	and consolidate the Communist position. Tran Van Gign who is more
	leftist than Ho and who is critical of Ho's bourgeois collaboration might tend to Titoism.
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